(ii) Sealed type samples of foodgrains from issuing lots of foodgrains are also supplied to State Governments by FCI so that these may be displayed in the Fair Price Shops.

(iii) Representatives of State Governments are allowed to check the quality of the foodgrains prior to issue.

Sufficient stock of foodgrains for doubling quantity of foodgrain under TPDS

514. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government holds sufficient stock of foodgrains to double present quantity of ten Kg. per family per month under Targeted Public Distribution System to serve the poorer section of the society, if subsidy provided;

(b) whether Government is also considering to increase the allocation to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families from ten Kg. per family per month to twenty Kg. per family per month by excluding the non-poor families from the provision of PDS, at least as far as the foodgrains are concerned; and

(c) whether Government of Tamil Nadu is not expediting lifting of foodgrains allocated to it particularly the quota meant for below poverty line families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Lifting of foodgrains by the State Government, particularly the quota meant for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families has improved considerably in the months of August and September, 1997 compared to the lifting in June and July, 1997. Lifting of BPL quota was 36,870 tonnes (80.52% of the BPL allocation) in September, 1997 compared to 9,620 tonnes (21.01%) in June, 1997.

Foodgrains stocked by FCI

515. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rice worth Rs. 3.68 crore was found rotting at a FCIs godown in Delhi;

(b) if so, the total quantity of rice found to be not consumable for TPDS;

(c) the total quantity of foodgrains stocked in FCI godowns all over India, including the total amount of not consumable foodgrains which are rotting as on date;

(d) whether there was a gap of 18 percent between the procurement and disbursement of foodgrains by the FCI and that this 18 percent of foodgrains was lost in wastage; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government to prevent the wastage of foodgrains at FCI godowns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Medical fraud at Super Bazar

516. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the report appearig in the Times of India dated 30th September, 1997 highlighting